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1. BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN LEFT-WINGERS, IT IS PROBABLE THAT TRAN QUOC BUU'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA MIGHT BE MARRED BY THE DISTORTIONS CONTAINED IN THE DER SPIEGEL ARTICLE (REF A).

2. SINCE JAY LOVESTONE, DIRECTOR OF AFL-CIO'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPT, EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE DER SPIEGEL ARTICLE WHEN IT FIRST APPEARED, IT OCCURS TO US THAT DEPARTMENT MIGHT ASK LOVESTONE TO CONSIDER PERSUADING THE AFL-CIO TO PUBLICLY DENOUNCE THE DER SPIEGEL STORY FOR WHAT IT IS--LIES AND DISTORTIONS. REF C AND LINDAHL'S LETTER TO DALE GOOD OF JUNE 4, 1973, ENCLOSING THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF ALL MATERIALS RELATING TO THE ARTICLE, SHOULD AID LOVESTONE AND THE AFL-CIO TO FORMULATE A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN FRIENDS OF CVT CAN USE TO COUNTERACT LEFT-WING PROPAGANDA ARISING FROM THE ARTICLE.

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